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EPA Mid-Atlantic Region Headlines

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Coal Alliance files comments regarding proposed federal carbon emission standards 05/05/2014 *State Journal - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...Alliance noted that coal is the leading source of domestic electricity generation nationally and in Pennsylvania The Alliance pointed out that the EPA's proposed regulations are unachievable with current technology. The standards would require coal-fired power plants to adopt carbon...

Pennsylvania DEP Celebrates Drinking Water Week, 30 Year Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act 05/05/2014 *State Journal - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

SOURCE Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection HARRISBURG, Pa.
"The Safe Drinking Water Act has helped to make sure that clean, safe water is available to all Pennsylvanians," DEP Secretary E. Christopher Abruzzo...

Injuries climb to nine in building collapse at old Bethlehem Steel plant 05/05/2014 *Morning Call - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...Epstein, a spokesman for Hilco Global, which is clearing the property and liquidating the former plant. The four most seriously injured were taken to Maryland Shock Trauma Center, while the others were taken to other area hospitals, a Fire Department spokesman said. Most of the injured employees...

Replay: 5 things we learned about the Democratic candidates in the 98th District 05/05/2014 *Lancaster Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...on homeowners but have different strategies on how to make up that revenue.

Crocamo said he would reduce the tax and work to impose a tax on natural gas drilling, reform the prison system by imposing smaller penalties for non-violent offenders, work to modernize the Liquor Control Board and look...

What's Up Tuesday: N. Strabane 05/05/2014 *Canon-McMillan Patch* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
**Supervisors Voting on Meadows
Tax Settlement, Gas Lease**

Board of Supervisors on Tuesday is expected to take action on both a Marcellus Shale gas lease, as well as a settlement agreement regarding a tax assessment appeal by T. Those items and more are on the agenda for the...

Allegheny County Council To 05/05/2014 *WESA-FM-Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
**Vote On Deer Lakes Fracking
Tuesday**

...actually have improvement to the environment because of the enhanced standards that we're adding to the process." Joni Rabinowitz, a volunteer with anti-fracking group Protect Our Parks, said she believes the resolution would violate the Pennsylvania constitution. "The obligations that the county...

Man jailed in police chase is Fiji 05/05/2014 *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review -* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
strongman's nephew *Online*

The nephew of a feared South Pacific political strongman fled his island nation in search of a better life, eventually landing in the Marcellus shale-rich hills of Western Pennsylvania. But his journey took an unexpected detour recently when he found himself behind bars in the...

Keystone Trails Association to 05/05/2014 *Lancaster Online*
**rally, raise concerns over shale
development**

...streets, Harrisburg Keystone Trails Association to rally, raise concerns over shale development By TIM STUHLBREHER | Business Writer TownNews.com While Marcellus Shale Coalition's "Pennsylvania Jobs Pennsylvania Energy" takes place at the state Capitol, the Keystone Trails Association will hold its...

Lancaster speakers join 05/05/2014 *Lancaster Online*
Marcellus Shale industry rally

Pennsylvania Jobs Pennsylvania Energy - logo Who: Marcellus Shale Coalition When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Participants will march from Metro Bank Park to the Capitol. Speakers will...

Agreement reached for 05/05/2014 *Delaware County Daily Times -* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
expansion of Philly airport in *Online*
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...revenues. The UPS processing plant — once proposed to border the neighborhood — will be constructed away from the homes in an attempt to mitigate noise pollution. The agreement, announced this afternoon at the airport, must be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Thomas J. Giancristoforo...

Cecil Supervisors Rescind Vote 05/05/2014 *Canon-McMillan Patch* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
**Approving Private Meeting With
Range Resources**

Cecil Township supervisors on Monday night rescinded a vote to meet privately with

Southpointe-based Marcellus Shale company Range Resources. A vote for the closed-door meeting had previously Supervisors Andy Schrader and Mike Debbis cast the...

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Annville residents object to proposed pipeline 05/06/2014 *Lebanon Daily News - Online*, [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
The

...Pipeline Company's proposed 27-mile "Central Penn Line South." Schroeder said the proposed pipeline carries many risks. "The safety of our drinking water is at stake here, among other things," he said. "Williams' safety record can be accurately described as abysmal, as evinced by a series...

Deadly side effect to fracking boom 05/06/2014 *Observer-Reporter - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Associated Press Published May 5, 2014 at 11:07 pm (Updated May 5, 2014 at 11:10 pm) In this photo taken March 1, William Saum stands near his front...

Letter to the editor | Putting faith in environment 05/06/2014 *Centre Daily Times - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Last week, the Supreme Court upheld the EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act to set strong public health safeguards against air pollution that drifts over state lines. ...

BCCRW holds annual dinner 05/05/2014 *Daily Review - Online*, [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Joyce Haas addresses reelection campaign of Gov. Corbett

...House of Representatives. She said the Republican party is "not just for women but for both men and women." Haas went on to speak in support of natural gas drilling in PA and Act 13, which allocates impact fee money to local municipalities that have natural gas related activity. "Energy equals...

Pa. Lt. gov. visits chamber 05/05/2014 *Mercury - Online*, [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

gathering with a progress report

...and Industry luncheon. To a gathering of about 60 civic leaders, chamber members and guests, Cawley touched on several hot topics statewide, such as Marcellus Shale gas drilling, state pension reform, job creation, infrastructure improvements, public education funding, health care and state deficit...

Ardmore's Guzzardi stricken from 05/05/2014 *Main Line Media News - Online*, [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Guzzardi stricken from 05/05/2014 *Media News - Online*, [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

GOP gubernatorial primary ballot, vows write-in campaign
 ...iterations," referring to the education initiative to set state standards. "I am the only Republican candidate opposing any additional severance tax on Marcellus Shale [gas drilling]." Guzzardi said he ran because he believes Corbett may be vulnerable in November's General Election. He suggests...
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 ...natural gas. Estimates show that would produce \$600 million to \$700 million in the first year and \$2 billion a year in later years. "We need to tax Marcellus Shale. That's what's got to happen," said state Rep. Marty Flynn, a Democratic candidate for re-election in the 113th state House district....

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Billy Frank 05/06/2014 Washington Times - Vi
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...statement. "Billy never stopped fighting to make sure future generations would be able to enjoy the outdoors as he did, and his passion on the issue of climate change should serve as an inspiration to us all." Gov. Jay Inslee added his praise. "Billy was a champion of tribal rights,

of the salmon...

An Alliance 05/05/2014 *Chronicle of Vi*
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...waterways and put
polluters on notice. The
Waterkeeper Alliance is a
network of 218 local
environmental groups that
identify and document
sources of pollution and
galvanize communities to
fight for clean water. "The
laws are on the books to
protect our waterways, for
them to be swimmable,...

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...issue, including a
national climate
assessment that he will
help showcase Tuesday.
He is using his executive
authority to cut
greenhouse gas emissions
from power plants and
other sources, and is
moving ahead with stricter
fuel-efficiency
standards....It's a notable
transformation....Environ
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Senate votes 05/05/2014 *Washington Vi*
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...efficiency bill, but
they're loathe to support
that measure unless Reid
allows other GOP
amendments. Some of
those amendments include
scuttling proposed carbon
emissions regulations for
new power plants and
expediting liquefied

natural gas exports. If
Reid allows those
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fatalities on
some US
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In this photo made on
Saturday, March 1, 2014,
William Saum stands near
his front porch in
Clarksburg, W. Va. In
March of 2013, a truck
carrying drilling...

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Sen. Chuck 05/05/2014 Washington Vi
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"Overall, the Democrats
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have supported fracking,"
Sen. Chuck Schumer said.
Sen. Chuck Schumer , D-
N.Y., laughably claimed
Monday that "Democrats
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have supported...

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... During a press briefing
at the White House , top
Obama adviser John
Podesta said massive
increases in U.S. oil and

gas extraction — made possible by fracking — are helping to reduce carbon emissions and have had clear economic benefits. Fracking and natural-gas production is a “bridge,...

<u>Podesta touts</u>	<u>05/05/2014</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Vi</u>
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...Podesta (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images) White House counselor John D. Podesta on Monday touted the administration record on energy production as well as climate change, arguing Democrats can run this fall on the fact they have bolstered the nation's oil and gas industry while tackling global warming....

<u>John Podesta</u>	<u>05/05/2014</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Vi</u>
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The public is increasingly worried about effects of climate change, John Podesta, a White House...

White House senior adviser John Podesta had a clear message Monday for Republicans trying to undo...

<u>No plans to</u>	<u>05/05/2014</u>	<u>Hill - Online,</u>	<u>Vi</u>
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... The administration announced its strategy in March to cut down on methane, a potent greenhouse gas. While it may lead to new standards for natural gas drilling, it

specifically called only for
voluntary measures to
reduce methane output
from agriculture.

Nonetheless, Thune and
15 of his colleagues...

George H.W. 05/05/2014

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...moderates even if it cost
them the White House.

Bush for them was too
moderate, too much of an
environmentalist; they
disapproved of his signing
the 1990 Clean Air Act.

Some thought that when
he invaded Iraq, Bush
should have pushed all the
way to Baghdad. Breaking
his "read my lips" pledge
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Palmolive Company's
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case where two women
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asbestos through beauty
products claimed possible
further exposure in order
to have the case remanded,
and later denied those
same additional
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use in oil and gas drilling,
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that measures and detect
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<u>Natural gas</u>	<u>05/01/2014</u>	<u>Washington</u>	
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Natural Gas Alliance CEO
Marty Durbin, in an
interview with the
Washington Examiner,
conceded humans play a
role in contributing to
climate change, it wasn't a
tectonic shift. But it was
seen as a change by a
leader of an industry that
is walking a fine line on
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DELAWARE

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Browseabout Books to host readings May 10

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...other writings. Bonnie Feldstein, who writes under the name of Anna Gill, will present her two books about watermen and their families working on the Chesapeake Bay, including her latest, *The Island Woman*. William L. Gibbons is a published newspaper columnist, political cartoonist, novelist,...

DNREC will sell rain barrels May 9 in Lewes

05/05/2014

Cape Gazette - Online

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...purchase remaining rain barrels at a discounted price. Barrels will be available for pickup between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Friday, May 9, or until sold out, at DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship Lewes Facility, next to the Lewes boat ramp at 901 Pilottown Road. The 50- to 55-gallon granite-colored...

WEST VIRGINIA

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Drilling traffic overwhelms some W. Virginia towns

05/06/2014

Wetzel Chronicle - Online

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...charged. The accident happened around 9 p.m. on a Saturday, just minutes from the family's home. Several other states that have seen a boom in oil or gas drilling have launched special programs to help communities cope with the surge in traffic. Brent Walker, a spokesman for the West Virginia...

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Eco-Friendly Muscle Car?

05/05/2014

State Journal - Online, The

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SOURCE Performance CNG CNG vehicles save money, emit less pollution and creates jobs from American-mined fuel SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Mich. Photo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20140502/83865Photo> -...

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Mining stakeholders to discuss rise in

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Mining stakeholders to discuss rise in fatalities Updated: Monday, May 5 2014
9:35 AM EDT 2014-05-05 13:35:42
GMT The U.S. Mine Safety and Health...

China 05/05/201 *State Journal -* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
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...considerations in
appraising the
candidate enterprises.
To earn a spot on the
list, an enterprise would
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strongly in terms of
"culture, economy,
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and innovation," and
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good example to the...

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...in the trash, it's critical to understand
how to properly dispose of and recycle
electronics because each contains
contaminants that are harmful to the
environment. Here are three big e-waste
offenders - cellphones, batteries and
computers - and how each can be
properly recycled. Cell phones and...

Rockefeller introduces bills to invest in cleaner coal 05/05/2014 *Charleston Daily Mail - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Saying he was trying to chart a future path for West Virginia coal while recognizing the need to limit greenhouse gas emissions, Sen. Jay Rockefeller on Monday introduced two bills designed to make carbon...

Putnam Co., Hurricane file federal lawsuit against landfill that accepted MCHM 05/05/2014 *Charleston Gazette - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Putnam County and the City of Hurricane on Monday filed a federal lawsuit requesting that Waste Management of West Virginia remove 228 tons of MCHM-, PPH- and DiPPH-contaminated wastewater mixed with sawdust from its Disposal Service landfill. Mike Callaghan,...

MARYLAND

05/06/2014 *WSDL 90.7 - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...Geological Survey says the number of earthquakes in Oklahoma has gone up dramatically in recent months. It says the surge in seismic activity is due in part to fracking and that it has increased the danger of a damaging quake in the central part of the state. The USGS and Oklahoma Geological Survey issued...

05/05/2014 *Capital - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...government that's closest to the issue and knows the most about it. But certain things, by their nature, must be handled nationally. One of them is stopping pollution of an estuary whose watershed extends into six states. Another is air pollution — states do not have their own atmospheres. U.S. Supreme...

05/05/2014 *Afro-American Newspapers - Baltimore Edition - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

... (cell) Mary Kerr or Kate Gilman (Boxer/EPW): 202-224-8832 *****MEDIA ADVISORY***** U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works *Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife* "Finding Cooperative Solutions to Environmental...

05/05/2014 *NewsDaily* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — Booming production of oil and natural gas has exacted a little-known price on some of the nation's roads, contributing to a spike...

05/05/2014 *Daily Record - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

CONOWINGO — U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin is holding a hearing regarding environmental challenges involving the Conowingo Dam in northeast Maryland. Construction of the dam in the late 1920s created a detainment area for some of the sediments and nutrients flowing down the Susquehanna...

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...they'll keep going down," said Palmer. "It depends on the exports of natural gas. It depends on whether there end up being more environmental restraints on fracking. So it's uncertain." Fracking, also known as hydraulic fracturing, is a process that uses pressurized water and chemicals to extract...

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By KEVIN BEGOS and JONATHAN FAHEY AP Photo/Keith Srakocic Business Video CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) -- Booming production of oil and natural gas has...

05/05/2014 *Baltimore Sun - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler highlights Maryland's role in Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts in a new ad that will begin airing tomorrow in his campaign for governor. In a second ad,...

05/05/2014 *Baltimore Sun - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Vowing to strengthen Maryland's middle class, Gov. Martin O'Malley signed legislation Monday that will gradually raise the state's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour — his...

05/05/2014 *Baltimore Sun - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

Sediment buildup behind Conowingo Dam poses a relatively small threat to the Chesapeake Bay's health, a federal official said at a Senate hearing Monday. He predicted it could cost billions of dollars to address the risk by...

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...opportunities for women, voting rights. Cuomo: Environmentalists nationally and the energy industry are closely watching his pending decision whether to allow fracking in upstate New York counties near the Pennsylvania line. O'Malley: The liberal checklist: more spending on education, infrastructure,...

05/05/2014 *Cecil Whig - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

DARLINGTON — Several experts representing state and federal partners trying to improve water quality while keeping shipping channels open in the Chesapeake Bay told U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) on Mon

VIRGINIA

Beijing fines 652 firms for pollution in four months 05/05/2014 *Daily Press - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...capital fined 652 industrial facilities for breaching environmental regulations in the first four months of the year as it stepped up efforts to fight pollution. Beijing's air quality has come under intense scrutiny since January last year, when heavy smog settled over the city to the alarm of...

Suffolk middle-schoolers take to the water 05/05/2014 *Virginian-Pilot - Online* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...life science students from John Yeates Middle School in his original "oyster dance" aboard the Bea Hayman Clark, a research vessel that belongs to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Sollner captains the 50-foot cruiser that also serves as a floating classroom to Suffolk middle-schoolers, part of a...

County opting out of storm water program 05/05/2014 *Southwest Times - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

By MELINDA WILLIAMS melinda@southwesttimes.com Thanks to legislation passed during the 2014 Virginia General Assembly, Pulaski County will be able to opt out of Virginia's "Stormwater Management Program" and let the state continue to...

Hidden Risks: A Surreptitious Calamity Afoot in the Northeast 05/05/2014 *Roanoke Star-Sentinel - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...was featured in the 1981 film, "On Golden Pond," and in Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Our Town." These near-pristine bodies of water are just four of the Granite State's 944 lakes and impoundments as popular for their recreational opportunities as they are for their...

Supervisors briefed on oil shipments 05/05/2014 *Virginia Gazette - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...recently briefed by the State Department of Emergency Management and had a chance to see some of the oil. Topics Transportation Disasters X "It comes from fracking," he said. He was it was a of a thinner consistency than heavier crude and thus would tend to spread farther in a spill. He said it was...

Twice a day, 120-car trains carrying light crude oil will pass through Historic Triangle 05/05/2014 *Daily Press - Online, The* [Text](#) [View Clip](#)

...area. Luton said he was recently briefed by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and had a chance to see some of the oil. "It comes from fracking," he said. He was it was a of a thinner consistency than heavier crude, and thus would tend to spread more in a spill. He said it was...

**Sirota: 'Grenades' in the
partisan wars**

05/05/2014 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* - [Text](#) [View Clip](#)
Online

...case comes from a recent article in Politico magazine about natural gas exploration in
Colorado — and more specifically, the extractive process known as fracking.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Chesapeake Bay News for Tuesday, May 6, 2014

How the Chesapeake Bay became a new front in states' vs. federal rights
Al Jazeera America

Cardin holds Conowingo hearing
Bay Journal

Panels downplay dam's impact on Bay health, cite high cost of dredging
The Cecil (Md.) Whig

New VIMS Program Teaches About Climate Change through Field Experience
The Williamsburg Yorktown (Va.) Daily

Fracking in trout country
The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette

Watermen will ask MDE to stop 'dumping' of fossil shell
The Dorchester (Md.) Star

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Pause in Global Warming Comes Served With Unwelcome Side Dishes
Yahoo.com

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Investments in habitat restoration create jobs, support small businesses
Chesapeake Bay Program

Study finds Susquehanna River pollution, not Conowingo dam, is the major threat to Chesapeake Bay
B'More Green

New Gansler ad highlights 2007 bay cleanup agreement
The Baltimore (Md.) Sun

Maryland Sea Grant to Host National Marine Educators Group
Maryland Sea Grant

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW360

Supreme Court Sticks LA With Water Pollution Claims

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday shot down a petition from a Los Angeles agency fighting water pollution claims, cementing a Ninth Circuit ruling that data showing excessive pollution levels is sufficient to trigger liability even when discharges can't be directly linked to the permit holder.

Judge Signs Off On EPA's Coal Ash Deal With Enviros

A D.C. federal judge on Friday approved an agreement that ensures the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will conclude its review of a proposed rule classifying coal ash as a hazardous waste by the end of the year.

Livestock Emissions Strategy Will Stay Voluntary, Officials Say

Officials from several federal agencies on Friday assured a group of Republican senators that they intended to continue with a voluntary, incentive-based program to reduce methane emissions from livestock operations, as opposed to imposing a series of regulations.

High Court Denial Puts Onus On Cities To Track Pollution

By refusing Monday to review a Ninth Circuit decision holding Los Angeles County liable for water pollution, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a warning to municipalities negotiating stormwater permits: Prove the source of polluted discharges, or you may ultimately be on the hook for them.

Dechert In Coudert Unfinished Business Row

The American Bar Association told New York's highest court Friday that bankrupt law firms should not be allowed to go after money stemming from unfinished business that has since moved to other firms, providing support to Dechert LLP in its fight with defunct firm Coudert Brothers LLP, by saying clients, not lawyers, own their legal matters.

2nd Circ. Accepts CERCLA 'Act of War' Defense In 9/11 Row

The Second Circuit on Friday upheld a ruling that the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act's narrow "act of war" defense defeated a developer's indemnification claims against the owners and lessees of the World Trade Center, airlines and other companies over damage from the 9/11 attacks.

NRC Agrees To Review Spent Fuel Risks

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Thursday agreed to a request from environmental groups to examine newly discovered spent fuel risks uncovered after the Fukushima nuclear disaster, but said it would hold off on any further reactor licensing decisions while it weighs a separate waste management petition.

DOT Says Only Exxon, 2 Others Shared Data On Bakken Oil

Only ExxonMobil Corp. and two other companies have voluntarily sent in requested testing data, including information regarding petroleum crude oil samples from the Bakken region of North Dakota, in response to recent accidents involving crude oil shipments by rail, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced Friday.

200-Plus Legislators Tell EPA To Back Off On Waterways Plan

More than 200 members of the House of Representatives urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday to back off of its plan to expand federal control of waterways under the Clean Air Act, arguing that the EPA's "overreach" will harm farmers and stifle the economy.

DOE Plans \$200M Reserve Of Gas For Northeast Emergencies

The U.S. Department of Energy will stockpile gasoline on the east coast to avoid shortages in case of a widespread natural disaster like Superstorm Sandy, Secretary Ernest Moniz said Friday.

Pa. Oversight Body Advances Flat-Fee Fracking Plan

Pennsylvania's regulatory oversight body on Thursday signed off on a plan to replace the Department of Environmental Protection's current sliding fee scale for permits for hydraulically fracked oil and gas wells with flat fees.

Springtime For EPA: Good Neighbor Provisions Victory

With apologies to T.S. Eliot, April has been far from the cruelest month for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after appellate courts in *EME Homer City Generation v. EPA* and *White Stallion Energy Center v. EPA* upheld two of the agency's landmark Clean Air Act regulations. With the EPA's good neighbor provisions now

upheld, these rulings may foretell the direction of the agency's next regulatory steps, says James Rubin of Dentons.

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